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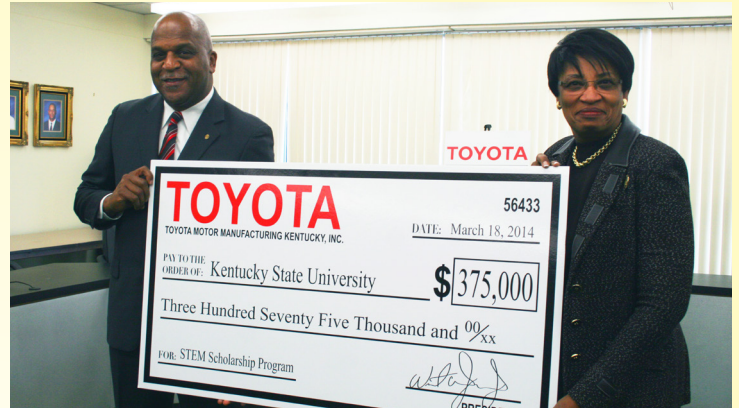
KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY

Toyota Partners With KSU

A unique scholarship program was unveiled March 18 that matches Toyota's need for mechanical engineers with that of top incoming students at Kentucky State University in Frankfort.

The Toyota Engineering Scholarship program – made possible via a five-year, \$375,000 grant from the automaker – will tie in directly with its manufacturing operations in Georgetown, Ky., 21 miles from Frankfort.

KSU, beginning next fall, will supply Toyota with up to five engineering candidates. The incoming freshmen, picked from a pool of high-achieving STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) students, will receive full-ride scholarships – the first three years at KSU on a pre-engineering curriculum, the last two at the University of Kentucky or another university with an engineering program. After the five-year period, the students will have an undergraduate degree from Kentucky State University and an engineering degree.



Toyota Kentucky President Wil James with KSU President Mary Evans Sias

KSU Recognizes Student Achievement At Honors Convocation



Kentucky State University held its 51st Annual Honors Convocation on April 10 in Bradford Hall's Carl H. Smith Auditorium to recognize student achievement, including 381 students on the fall Dean's List. Dr. Robert L. King, president of the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education, was the speaker.

KSU Launches New Website

The Kentucky State University community has launched an exciting new website located at the web address:

www.kysu.edu

The site continues to serve as a rich resource for Kentucky State University's various constituencies – our alumni, faculty, staff, students, partners and friends – with an adaptive design that works on any device: PC, tablet or mobile phone. The website has an attractive new look for the homepage, and throughout, that is easier to navigate and includes:

- Campus News
- An Events Calendar
- A "What Makes KSU Special?" section that highlights faculty, staff, students and alumni

In addition to the website, there are several popular ways to keep up with what's going on at the university. Look for the icons on the website's homepage and follow KSU on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

KSU's new website represents the culmination of a huge amount of work by many members of the university community and the website consultants over the past year and more.



KSU students participate in 50th Anniversary Civil Rights March on Frankfort.

KSU Remembers March On Frankfort

Fifty years ago individuals of varied ages, races and religious affiliations converged at Kentucky's state capitol in Frankfort for a peaceful demonstration against segregation.

Thousands were there on March 5, 1964, to put an end to discrimination in public accommodations such as theaters, restaurants and hotels.

Some were local activists from cities across the state, well-versed in the organization of rallies and sit-ins at lunch counters. A few were regarded as celebrities, including Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and legendary baseball player Jackie Robinson, who were among several to address the crowd. And some walked or caught rides to the civil rights march on Frankfort from just a few short miles away at Kentucky State University, then Kentucky State College.

Students and faculty at Kentucky State were often encouraged to participate in the sit-ins and marches of those days even though concern was sometimes voiced about classes being missed, according to Dr. Gus Ridgel, who was an instructor and head of the college's Department of Business and Finance.

"I didn't have any idea – not the slightest idea – how many people were going to be there," said Ridgel. "I was

pleasantly surprised."

Donald Lyons was a senior at the old Dunbar High School on North Upper Street in Lexington when he bought a Greyhound bus ticket for one dollar and some change to participate in the march. Lyons was rarely absent but skipped school that day.

Lyons later attended Kentucky State and graduated in 1968 with a bachelor's degree in history and political science. He has held several positions at KSU, including librarian, instructor and athletics director. He is currently executive secretary of the KSU Foundation.

Lyons said he marveled at the size of the crowd and he guesses that 80 percent of the student body attended the march. "I can see it just like it was the day before yesterday," Lyons said.

Change in Kentucky came quickly after the Frankfort march. The Kentucky Civil Rights Act was passed in 1966, which prohibited discrimination in employment and public accommodations.

KSU students also participated in the 50th Anniversary Civil Rights March on Frankfort to the capitol steps on March 5, 2014.